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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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